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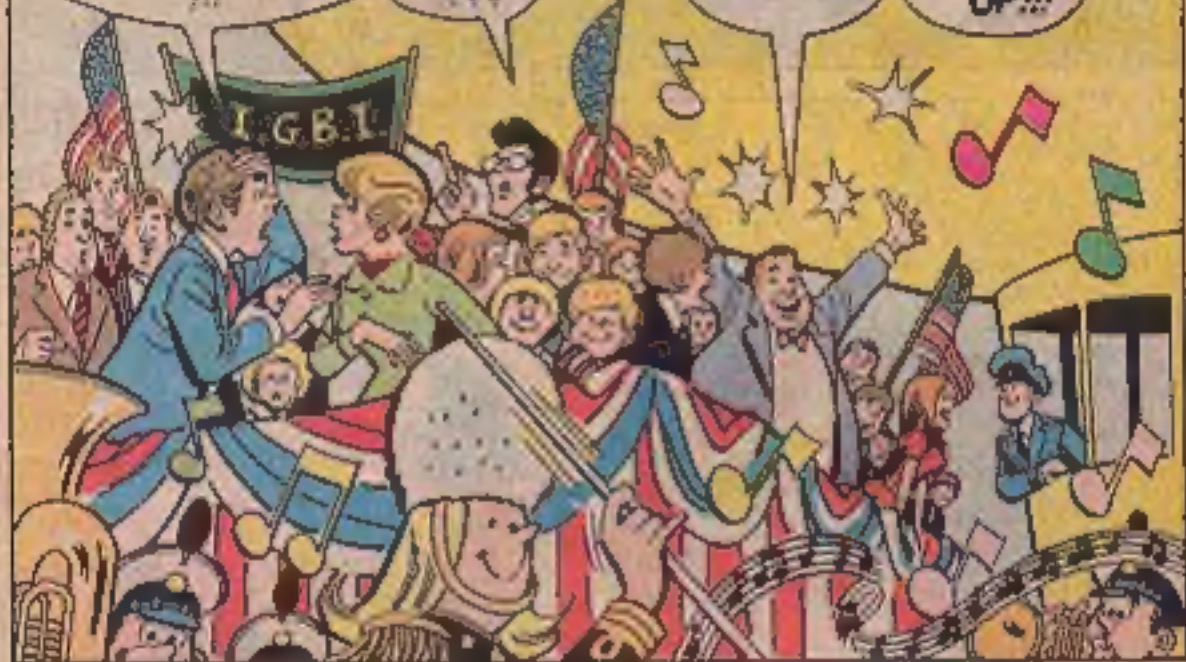
WE CAN'T
CHRISTEN IT WITH
CHAMPAGNE

WHAT
ABOUT
COKE
???

WAT ✓

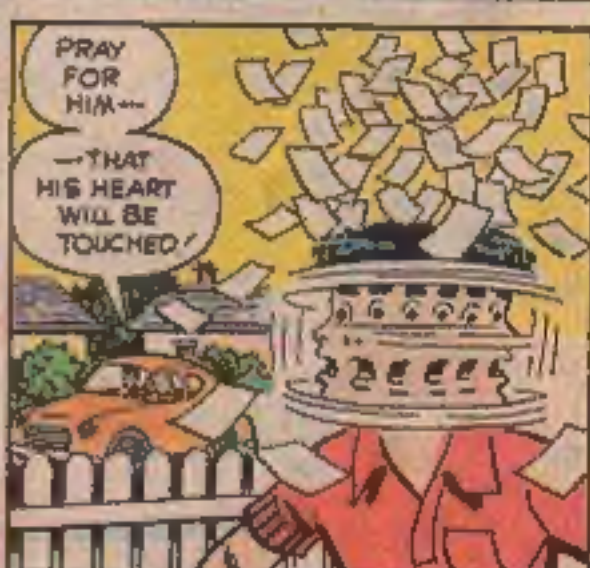
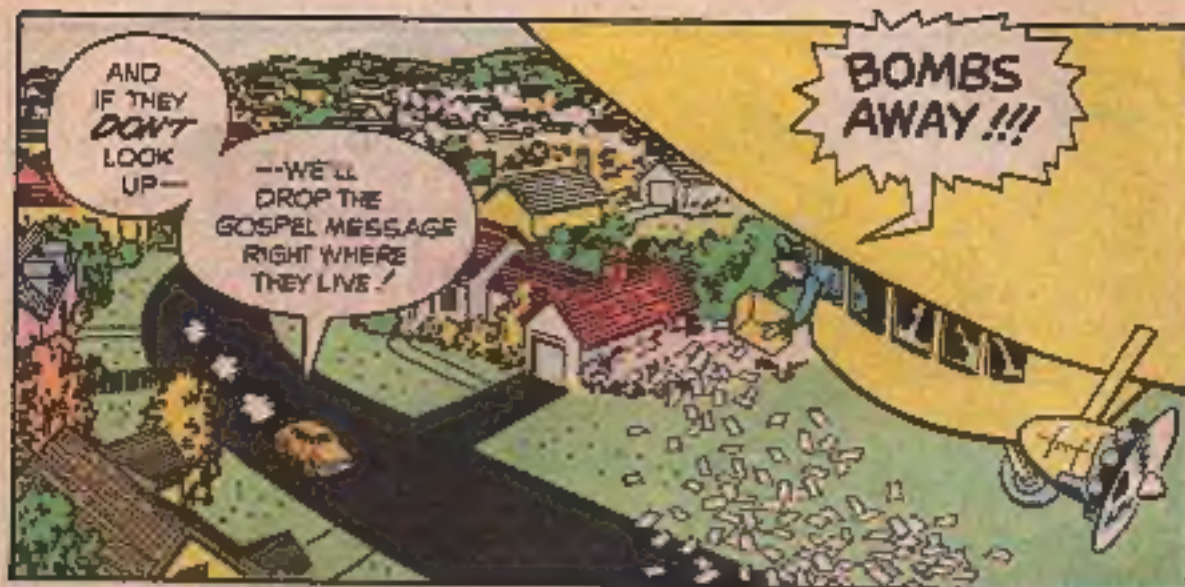
SEVEN
IS THE
PERFECT
NUMBER--

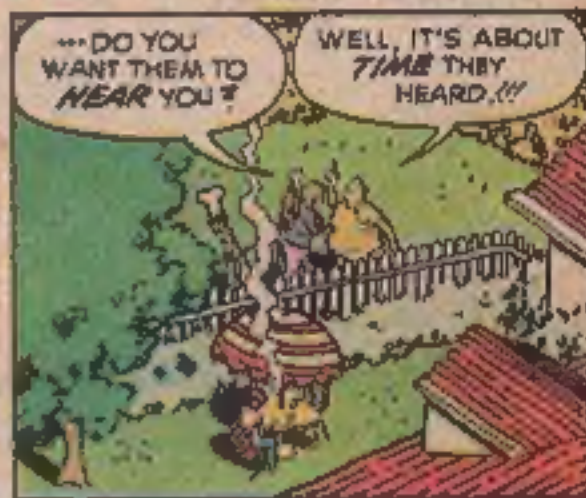
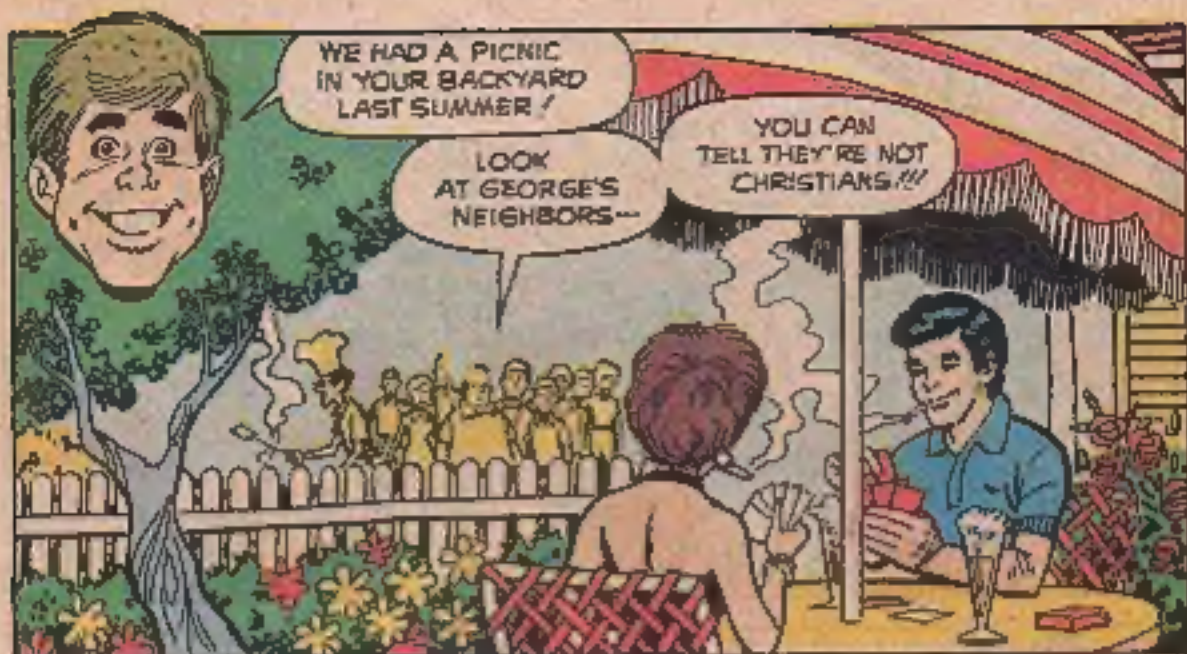
WE'LL
USE
**SEVEN-
UP!!!**



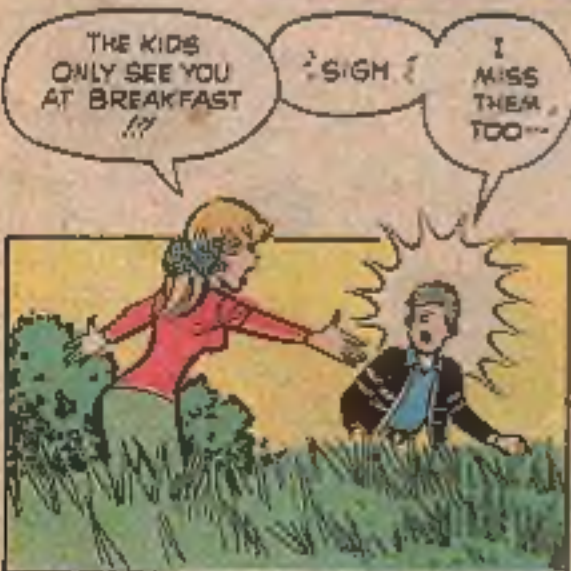
FOLKS
ALL OVER
TOWN WILL BE
LOOKING UP!

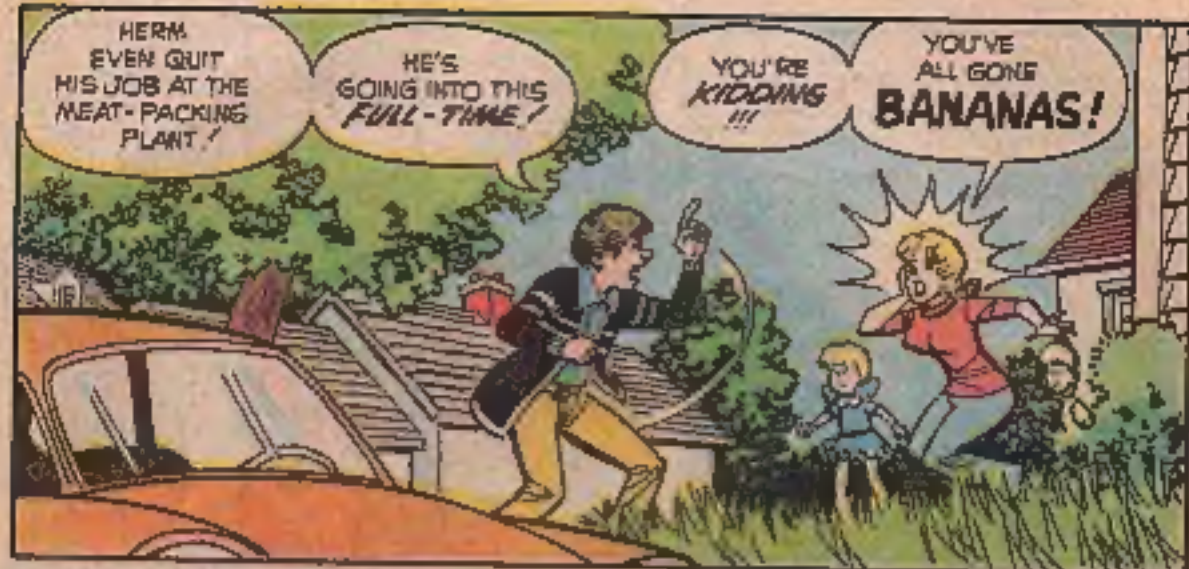




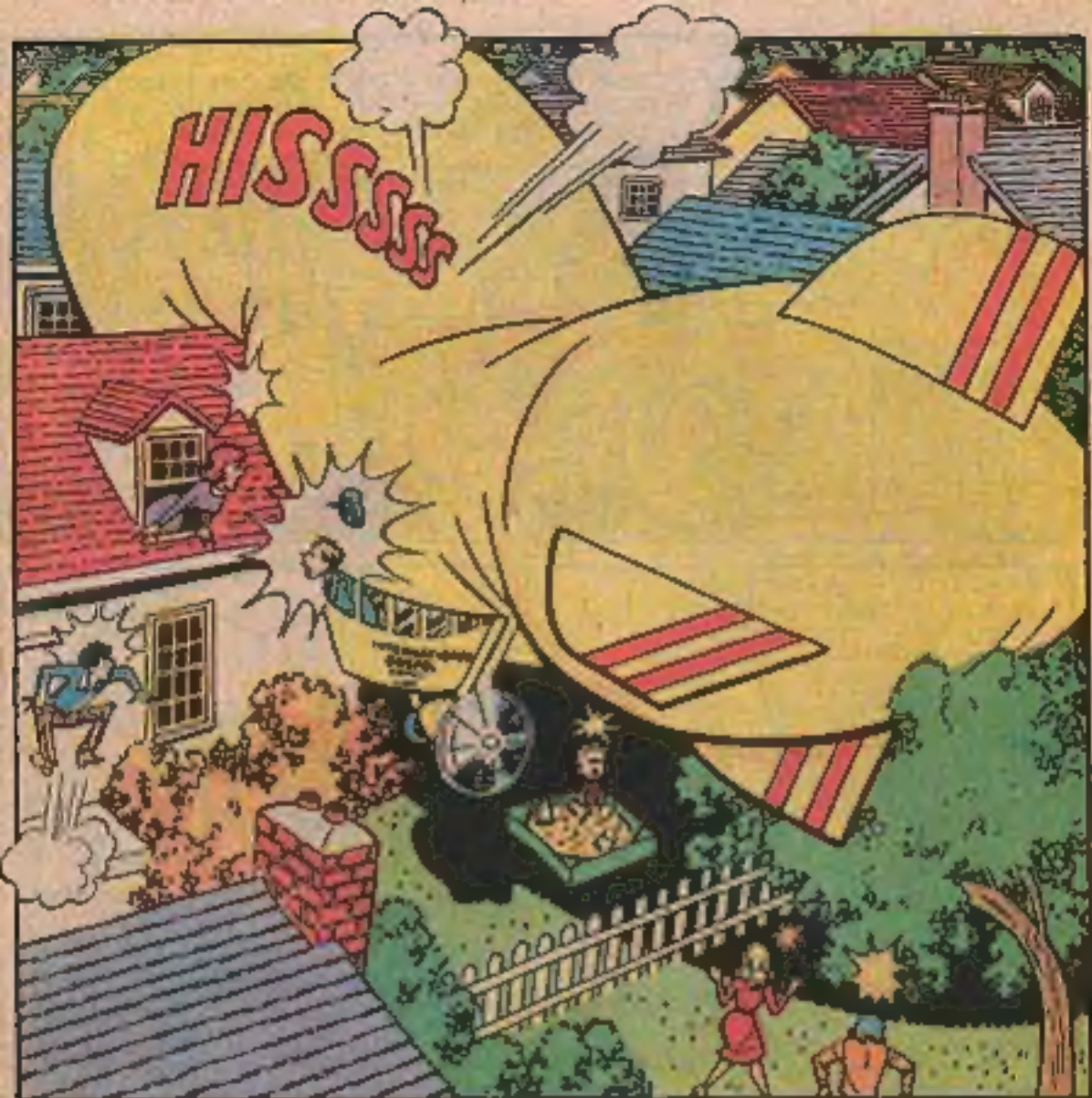












OUR
NEW PILOT
ADDED A
MISSIONARY
EMPHASIS
EVERY
SATURDAY



AND SPEAKING OF SATURDAYS---

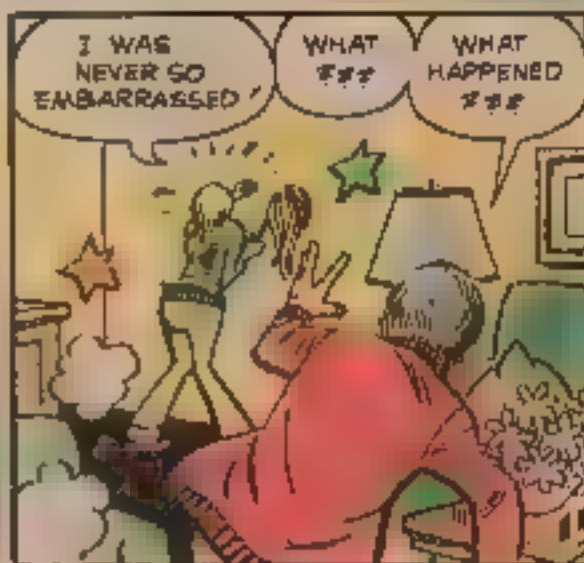
IT WAS
AWFUL! ON THAT
HORRIBLE
BLIMP



I WAS
NEVER SO
EMBARRASSED

WHAT
???

WHAT
HAPPENED
???

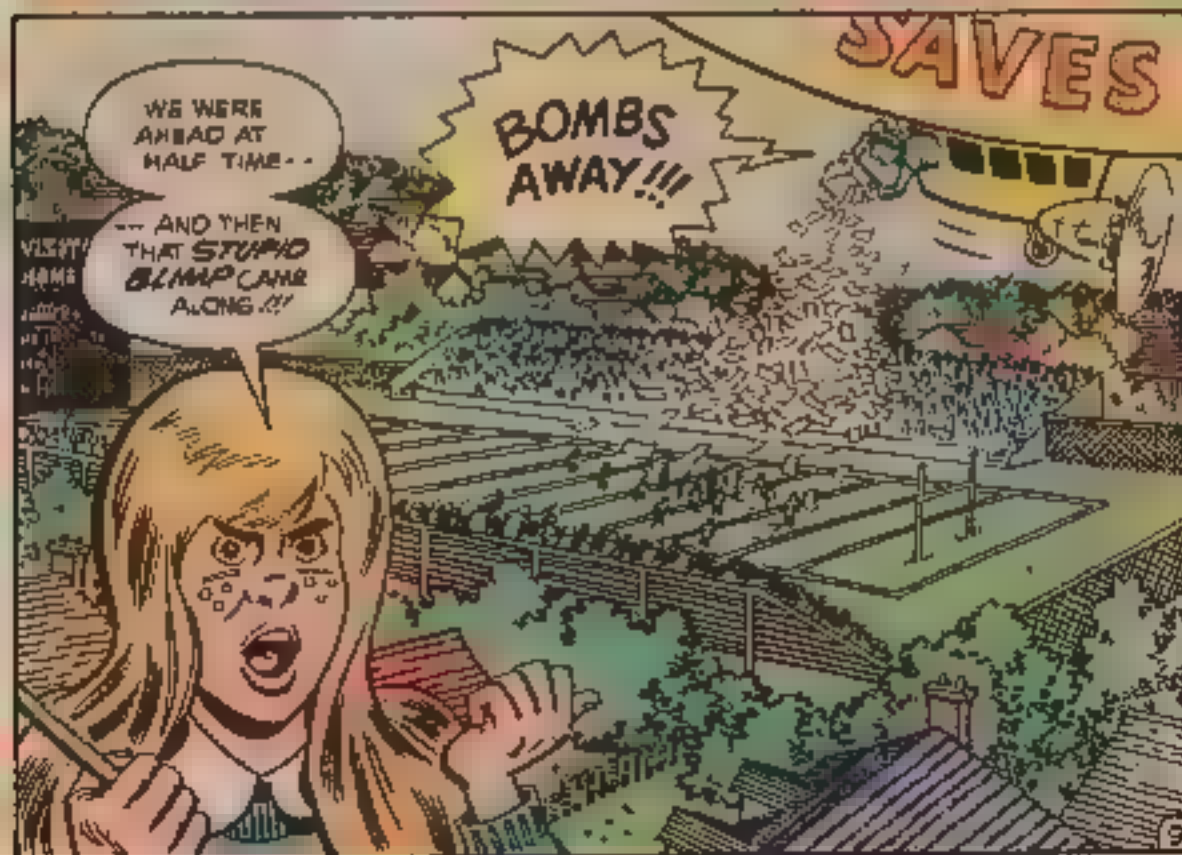


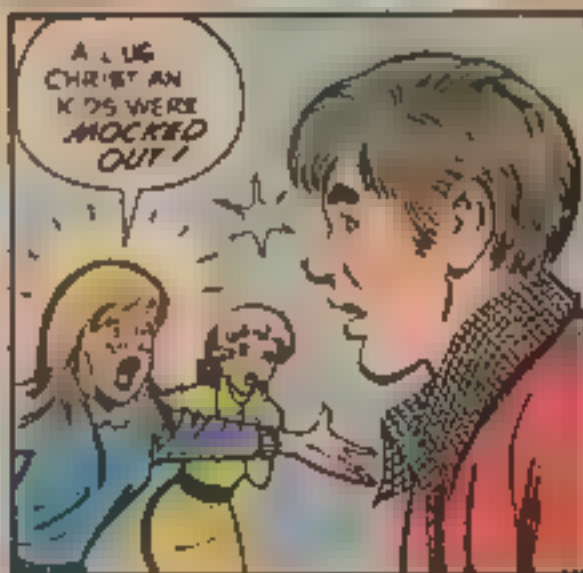
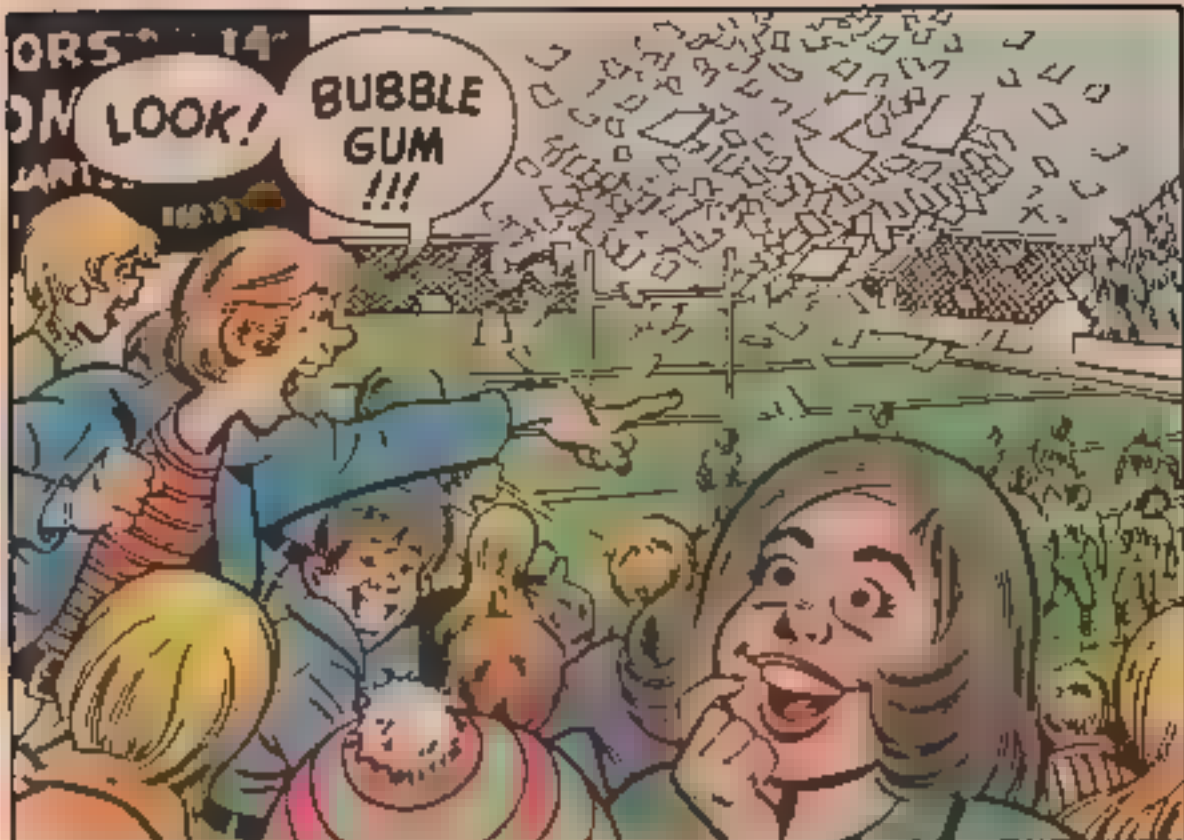
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AHEAD AT
HALF TIME...

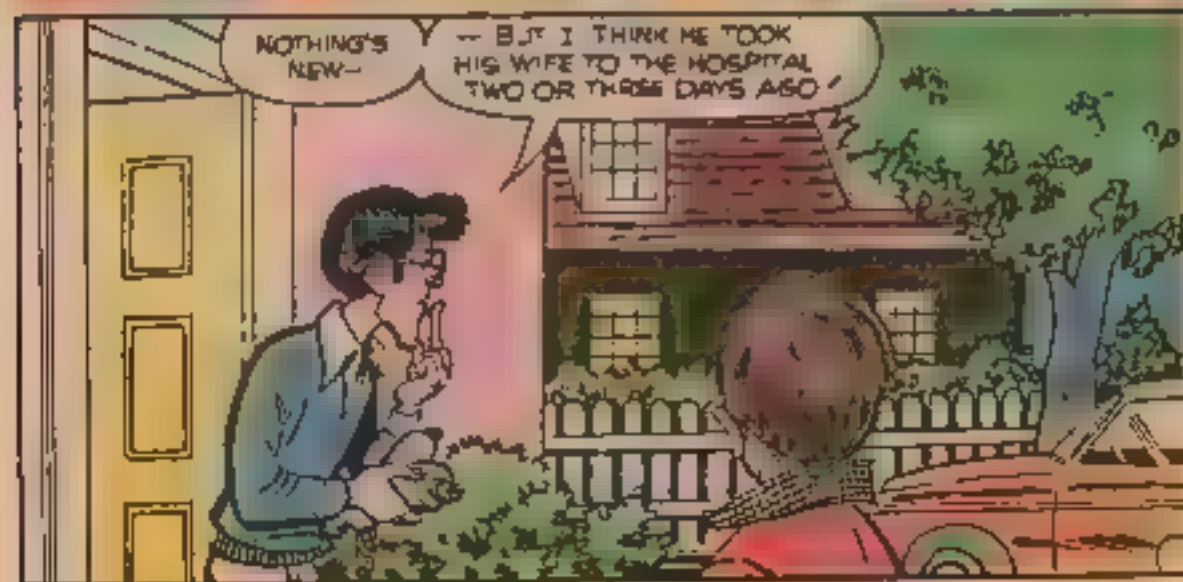
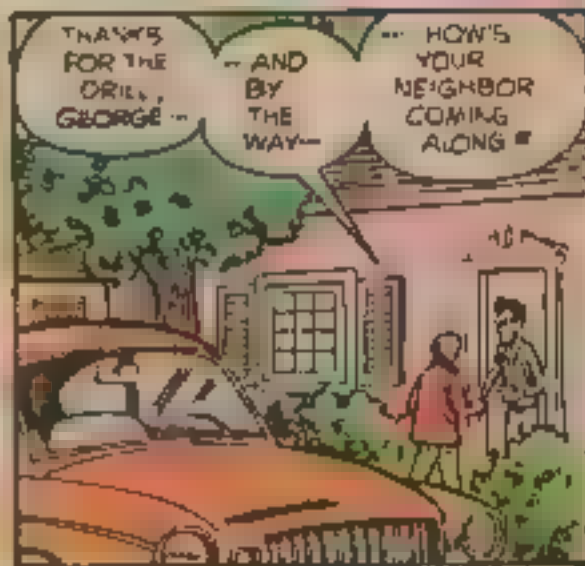
... AND THEN
THAT **STUPID**
BLIMP CAME
ALONG !!!

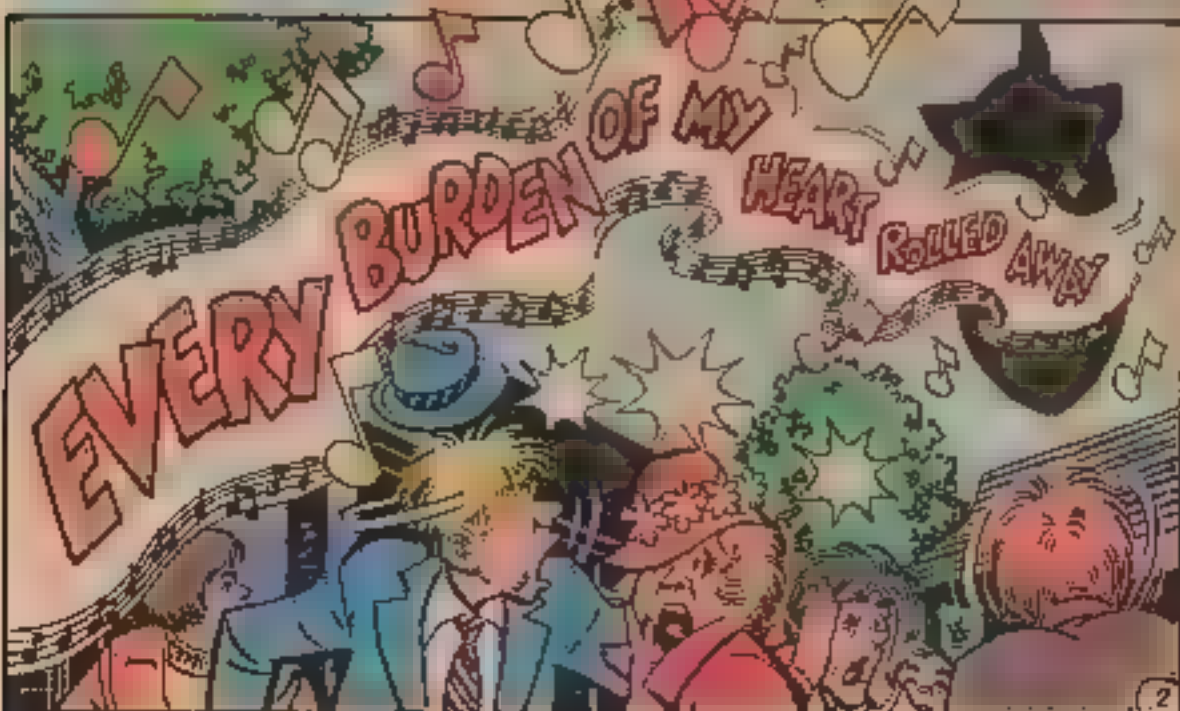
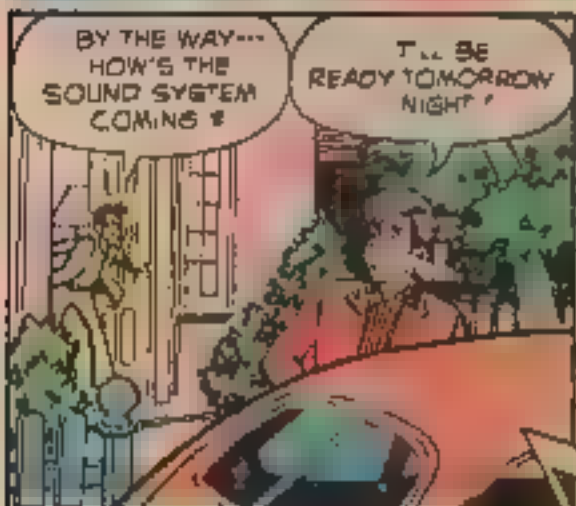
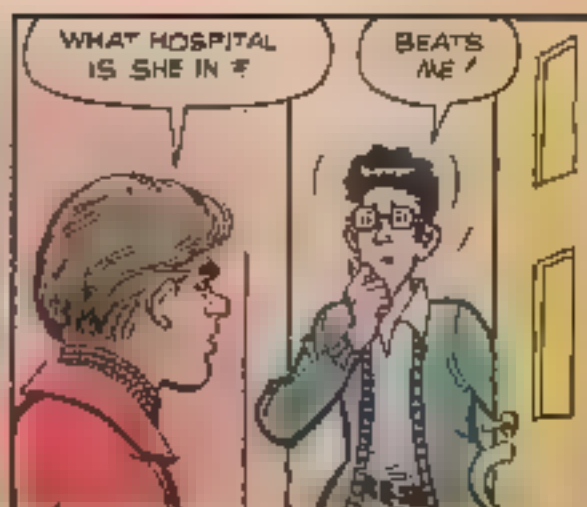
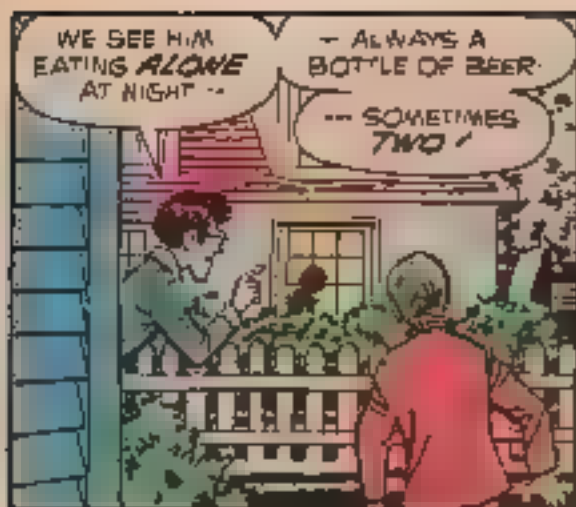
BOMBS
AWAY!!!

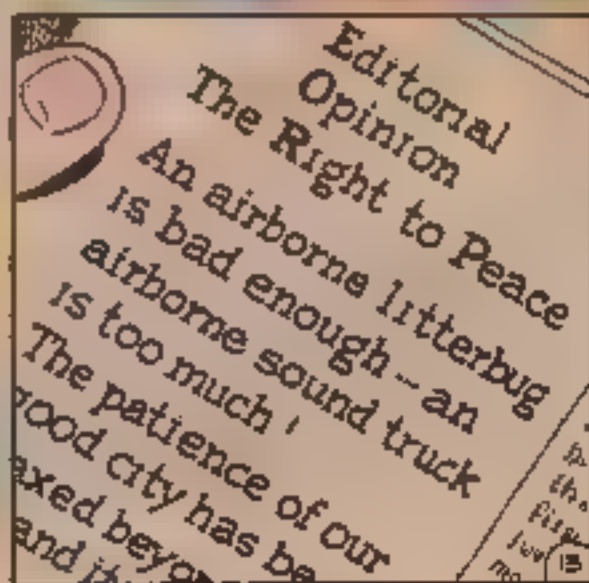
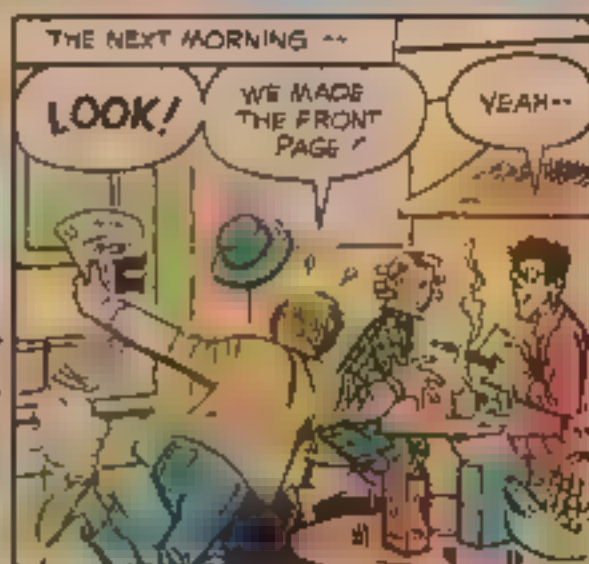
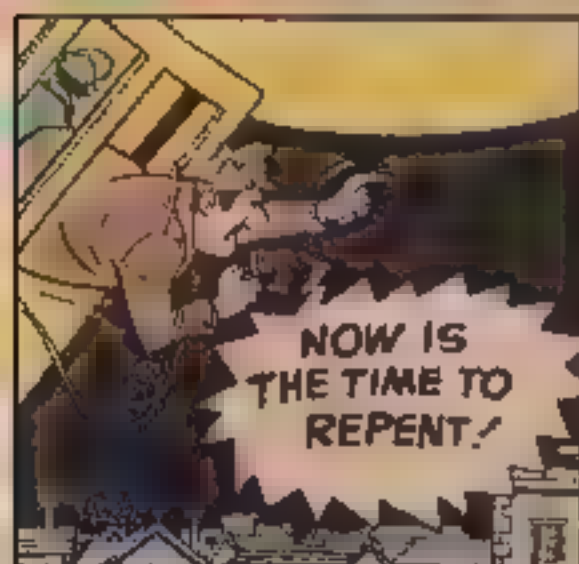
SAVES









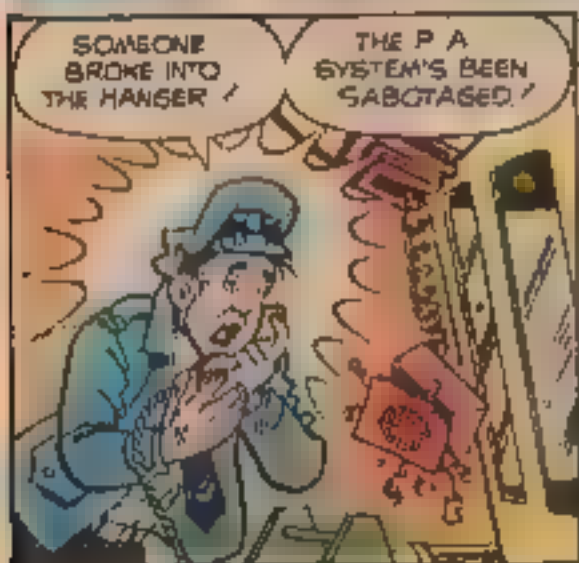




THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING NG !!!

AND BEFORE WE EVEN GOT STARTED...

IT'S THE PILOT!



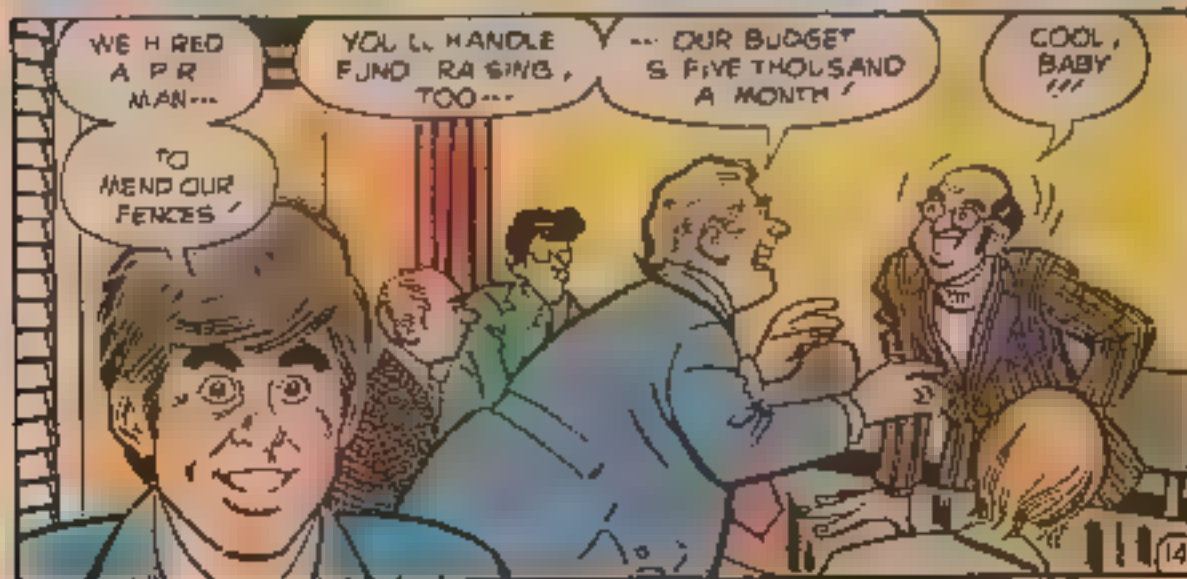
SOMEONE BROKE INTO THE HANGER!

THE P A SYSTEM'S BEEN SABOTAGED!



WE'LL HAVE IT FIXED!

THE ENEMY WON'T STOP US !!!



WE H'RD A PR MAN...

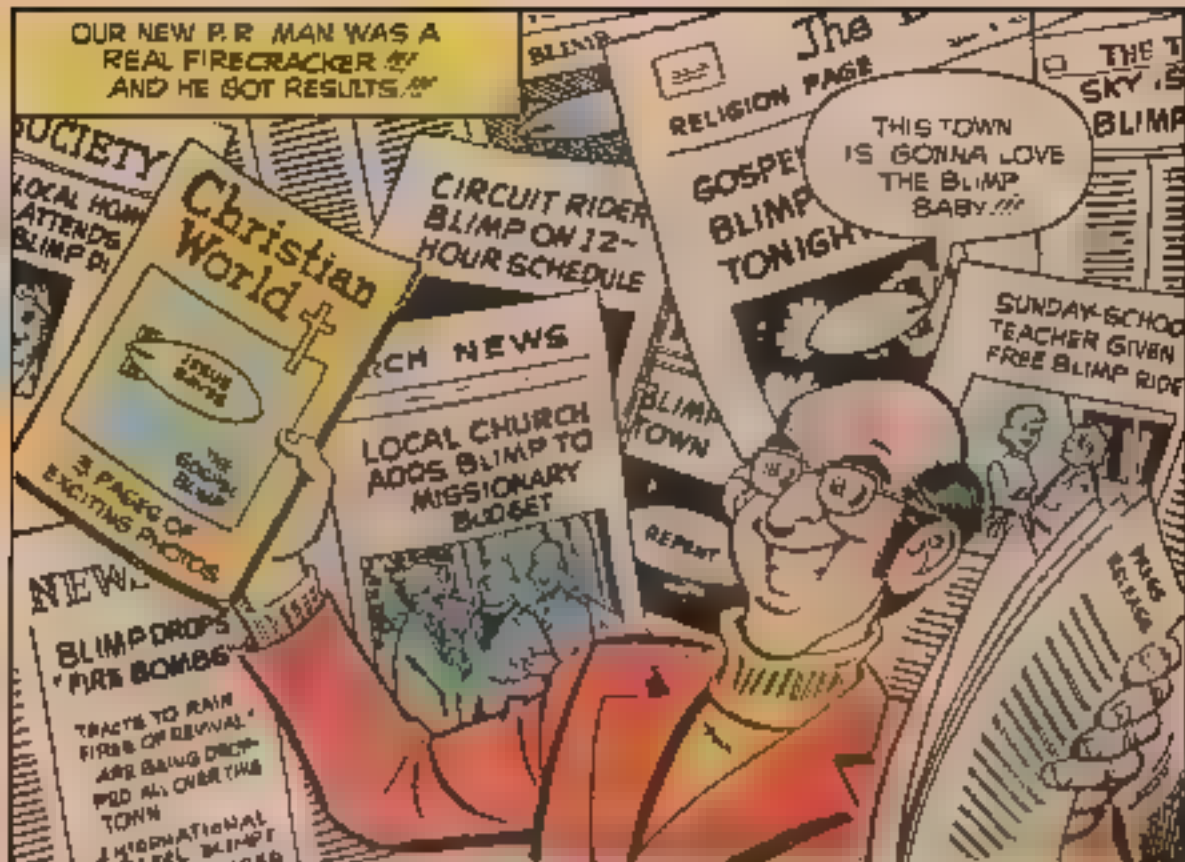
TO MEND OUR FENCES!

YOU'LL HANDLE FUND RAISING, TOO...

... OUR BUDGET'S FIVE THOUSAND A MONTH!

COOL, BABY !!!

OUR NEW P.R. MAN WAS A
REAL FIRECRACKER...
AND HE GOT RESULTS...



WE BEGAN TO GET A
BRAND-NEW IMAGE--- BUILT
AROUND HIM...



SOON
PEOPLE BEGAN
TO TAKE *PRIDE*
IN THE GOSPEL
BLIMP!

AFTER ALL
NO OTHER
TOWN HAD
ONE!

REPENT

HOW DOES *THIS*
GRAB YOU, BOYS...

-- WE *LL* REACH OUT TO THE
ETHNIC GROUPS---

I.G.B.I.

EACH NIGHT WE'LL USE
A DIFFERENT
LANGUAGE!

I.G.B.I.

I
LIKE
IT!

CHINESE
DIE BETTER
HEY DA

GUTEN ABEND
MEINE HERRN
UND DAMEN---

GULP!

IT WAS ON *CHINESE*
NIGHT THAT ALL OUR
GOOD WILL WAS
WIPE OUT !!!

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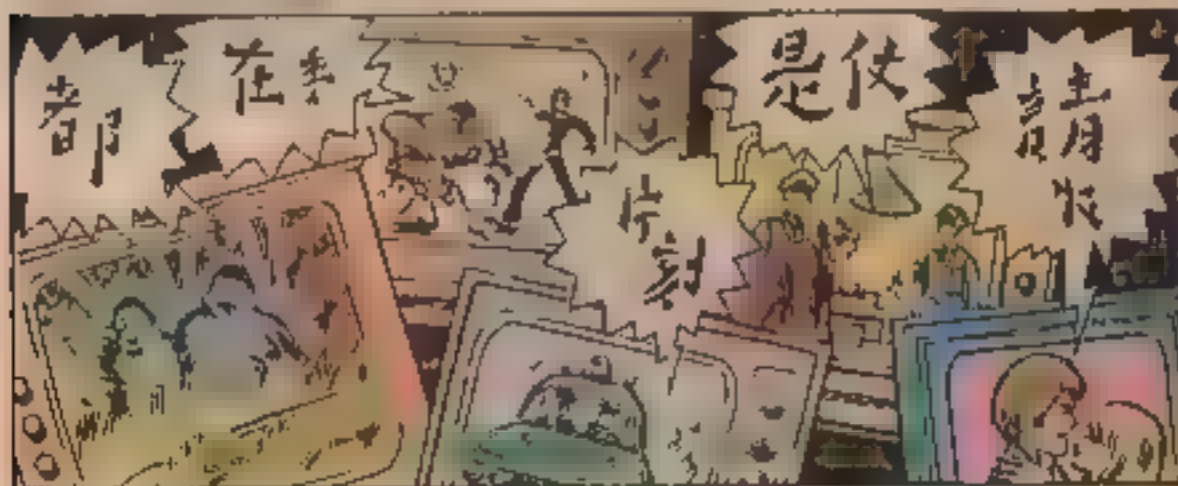
FOLKS HAD JUST SETTLED DOWN IN
FRONT OF THE TUBE -

- AND GASP : IT HAPPENED !!!



TV VIEWERS ALL OVER TOWN
FRANTICALLY SWITCHED CHANNELS-

BUT THE SOUND
WAS THE SAME !!



AFTER THE SERMON IN CHINESE
ENDED THE GLIMP TRANSM T'ED
SOME GOOD OLD FAMILIAR
HYANG -

BY THE ELECTRONIC
SCRAMBLE CONTINUED



THIS IS
WORSE THAN
THE CENTRAL
GAME !!!

I CAN'T
GO TO SCHOOL
TOMORROW !!!

HE'S
DUE TO
STAY UP
THERE FOR
TWO MORE
HOURS !!!

THE ENTIRE TOWN
TRIED EVERY POSSIBLE
WAY TO GET THE BLIMP
PILOT'S ATTENTION...

ATTENTION

BUT HE DIDN'T CATCH ON
UNTIL HE LANDED !!!

LET'S
HAVE
THE
BUM
!!!

BURN
THE
BLIMP
!!!

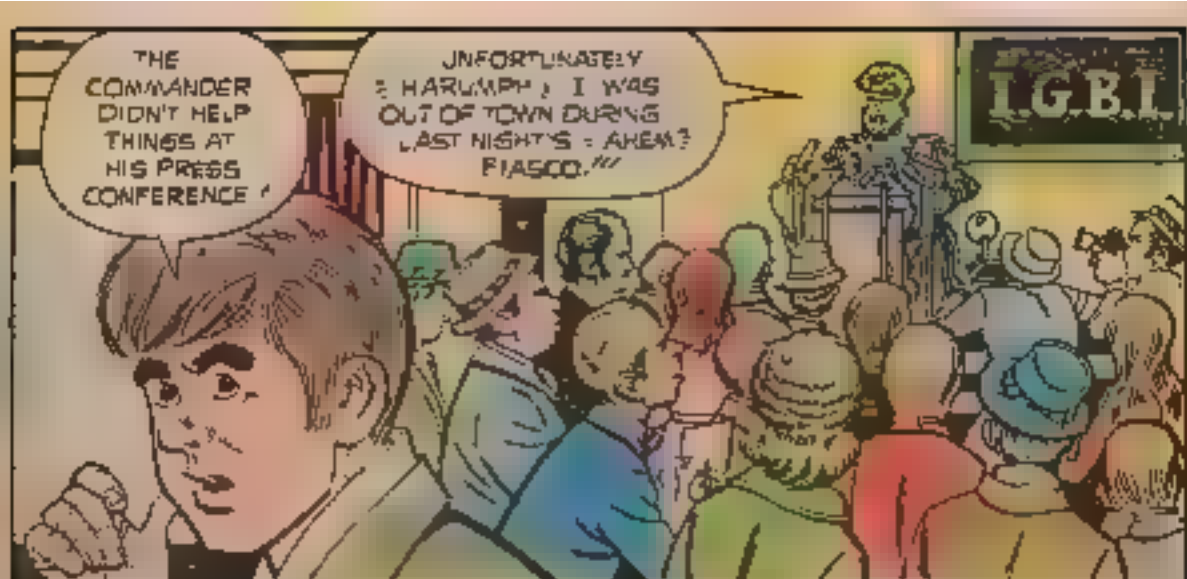
THE POLICE DID
A GREAT JOB
THAT NIGHT ---

— BUT ALL OF US REALIZED THAT THIS WAS
THE BEGINNING OF THE END FOR OUR
BELOVED BLIMP !!!

AND POOR GEORGE SEEMED TO
TAKE IT THE WORST ---

MY
NEIGHBORS---

WHAT WILL
HAPPEN TO
THEM NOW
???



GEORGE SORT
OF DROPPED OUT
OF THINGS AFTER
THAT---

— AS A MATTER
OF FACT WE DIDN'T
SEE THE COMMANDER
MUCH EITHER—

— HE WAS BUSY
AT THE COUNTRY
CLUB WITH P.R.
WORK

US
SAVES



RESPINE

SAY

ISN'T
THAT
YOUR
BLIMP,
HERM?

JH
YES
IT
IS

I TOLD THEM
NOT TO FLY OVER
HERE !!!

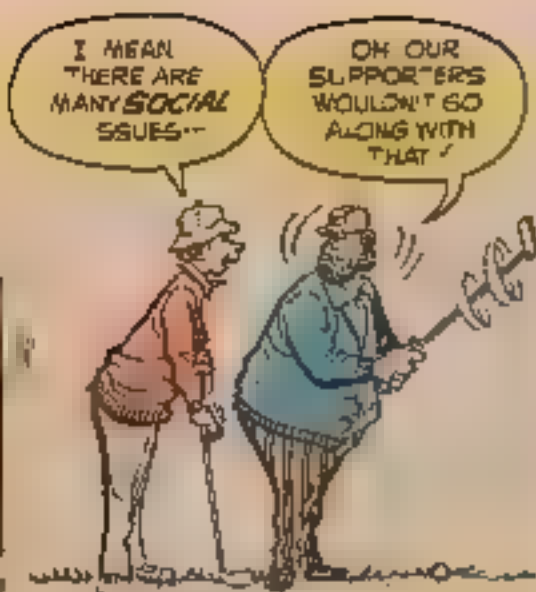
IT'S TOO
DISTRACTING!



EVER THINK
OF REACHING
OUT WITH THAT
THING, HERM?

WELL
JH—
THAT'S
THE
DEA!





ON
THE WAY
HOME I
STOPPED
TO VISIT
GEORGE—



A
FEW
WEEKS
LATER,
THE
BLIMP
CARRIED
THE
NEW
EMPHASIS!



THE
ECOLOGISTS
BEGAN
TO
SUPPORT
US!



CONSUMER
GROUPS
GOT ON
THE
BAND-
WAGON /



BIG
BUSINESS
LOVED
JS /



IN
FACT
THE
WHOLE
TOWN
LOVED
JS !!

THE COMMANDER BROUGHT HIS
COUNTRY CLUB CRONIES ON THE
BOARD -

I.G.B.I.



NOW WE WERE
REALLY ORGANIZED

WE HAD
CHARTS

MARKET
SURVEYS

—COMPUTER
ANALYSIS



BEAUTIFUL
COMMAND
BABY..

BEAUTIFUL
///

WE
ADDED ONE
LUMP OF
LEAVEN
AFTER
ANOTHER

AND
THEN
GEORGE
NVITED
US ALL
OVER TO
HIS
HOUSE
FOR A
SURPRISE ///

THAT'S
GEORGE'S
NEIGHBOR-

THE ONE
WHO SMOKES
AND DRINKS



THREE YEARS AGO TONIGHT,
THE GOSPEL BLIMP WAS BORN
RIGHT HERE !!!



I'VE INVITED MY NEIGHBORS
BECAUSE THEY WERE REALLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLIMP !



I REMEMBER
THAT NIGHT...

-- I CAN STILL
SEE THEM OVER
THE FENCE

--HUN--

DRINKING
BEER !



WELL, GOD
ANSWERED
OUR PRAYERS !

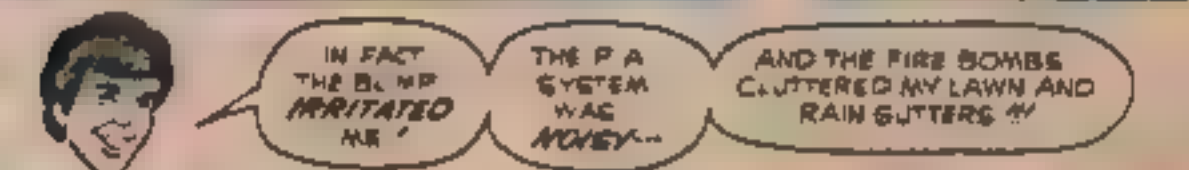
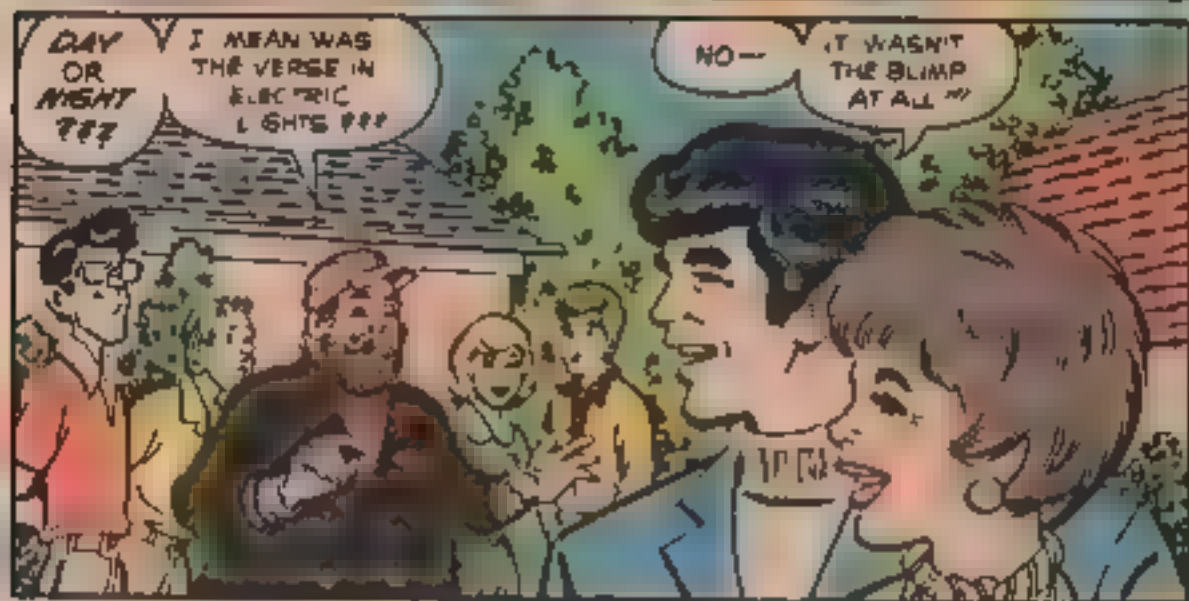
THEY'VE
BECOME
CHRISTIANS
!!!

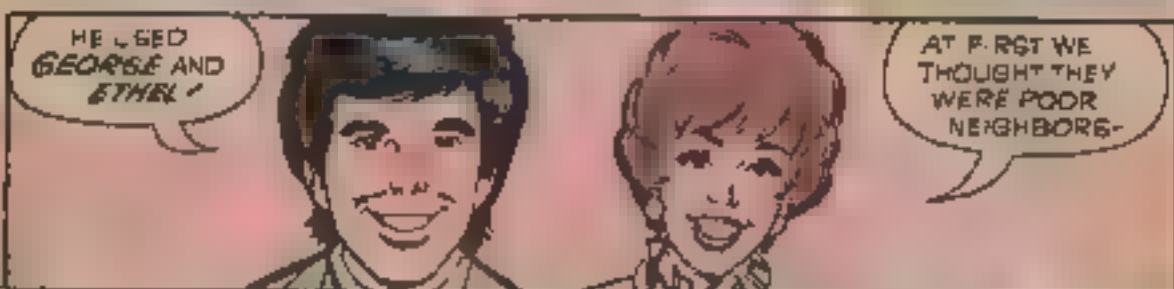


Y - YOU'RE
SAVED
???

THAT'S
R GHT
!!!









AFTER
SUPPER
GEORGE
READ THE
BIBLE AND
PRAYED
AND IT
ALL MADE
SENSE !



SO WE GOT
DOWN ON OUR
KNEES--

... AND
PRAYED TO
GOD!

AND THROUGH
CHRIST HE'S
FORGIVEN OUR
SINS!!

WE GAVE GOD
OUR **OLD** LIVES --

AND HE'S GIVEN US
BRAND-NEW LIVES!





LET'S NOT JUST **SAY** WE LOVE PEOPLE, LET'S **REALLY** LOVE THEM AND **SHOW** IT BY OUR **ACTIONS** SEE 1 JOHN 3:18

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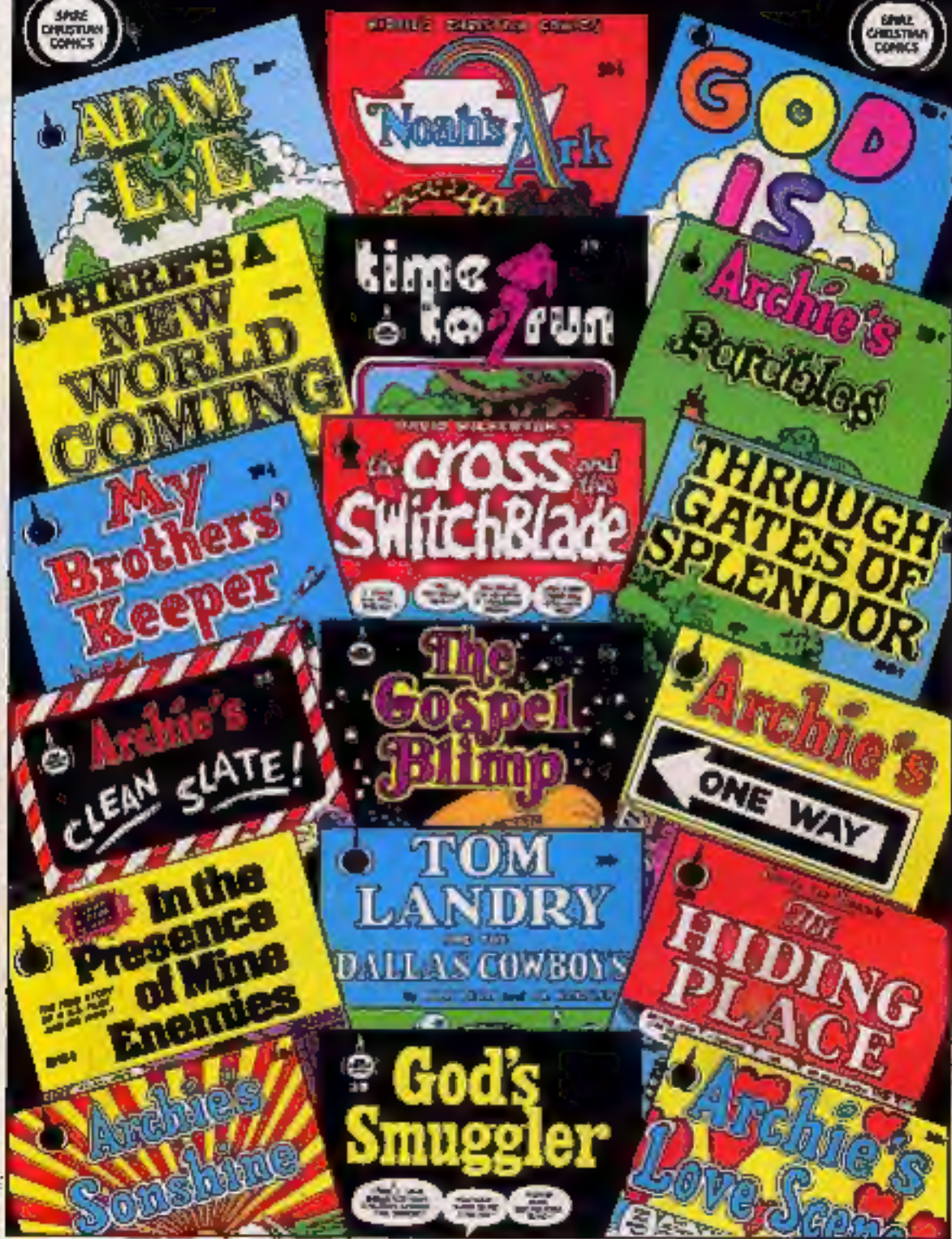
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